

**NEWS FROM**

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**NEW K-TO-8 CHARTER SCHOOL'S  
PARENT AND COMMUNITY ROAD SHOW  
COMING TO A NORTH SHORE LOCATION NEAR YOU**

Staten Island Community Charter School (SICCS) is hitting the road again.

Starting on Monday, March 1, the new K-8 public charter school will hold a series of information sessions, most at public libraries on the north shore, to introduce the new school to parents and families in the community. If you, a friend, or a neighbor want to know more about this new public school option, here's a convenient, close-to-home way to do it.

"More than 150 people came out on a cold, gray, windy Saturday afternoon to attend our Charter School Forum on January 30," said Ellen Icolari, SICCS co-founder. "The forum educated parents and caretakers about charter schools in general," she said, "but people still have a lot of unanswered questions about our k-to-8 charter school in particular. We developed the Parent and Family Road Show as a way to bring people the answers they need to make the right decisions for their children this fall."

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## THE KINDS OF QUESTIONS PARENTS ASK

Ms. Icolari said she and other board members already know at least some of the kinds of questions they can expect.

"Families are deeply concerned about their children's education, but they're also concerned about day-to-day reality," she said. "They're delighted to hear that our school's curriculum exceeds minimum New York State standards and that every child is expected to learn a second language starting in kindergarten. But they also want to know if bus service will be available, and whether we plan to serve lunch. The answer to the last two questions," Icolari said, smiling, "is Yes."

At the Road Show, planning board members will also describe the school's team-teaching approach; its focus on social and emotional learning; its high expectations of all students; its dedication to hands-on learning in art, social studies and science; and its requirement of a longer school day, providing 200 additional hours per school year for learning and study.

DETAILS ON ELIBILITY, APPLICATION,  
AND THE LOTTERY

Information will also be provided on eligibility, applications, and the lottery process, which, according to state law, will determine how the school's limited number of seats are assigned.

Additional information is also available at the school's blog:  
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SICCS PARENT AND FAMILY ROADSHOW SCHEDULE

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| Monday, March 1, 7-8 p.m.              | YMCA/New American Welcome Center<br>285 Vanderbilt Ave.<br>Clifton                            |
| Tuesday, March 2, 6-7 p.m.             | Stapleton Branch Library, NYPL<br>132 Canal St. (at Wright St.)<br>Stapleton                  |
| Monday, March 8, 6-7 p.m.              | West New Brighton Library, NYPL<br>976 Castleton Ave. (at North Burger Ave.)<br>West Brighton |
| Tuesday, March 16, 6-7 p.m.            | Cromwell Recreation Center<br>Pier 6 (at Murray Hulbert Ave.)<br>Tompkinsville                |
| Saturday, March 27,<br>11 a.m.-12 noon | Port Richmond Branch Library, NYPL<br>75 Bennett St. (at Heberton Ave.)<br>Port Richmond      |

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